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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1903.

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Class Matter, Under Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

## DAVIS FILES HIS ANSWER TO GRAVE CHARGES

### Part of the Two Thousand Dollar Fee He Admits is Not Yet Earned.

### For the Rest He Protests That His Actions Have Been Professionally Correct From Begin- ning—Sumner Paid Voluntarily.

George A. Davis filed his answer in the disbarment proceeding in the Supreme Court at nine o'clock last evening. He denies practically all the charges that are made in the petition filed by Attorney General Andrews.

He admits being an attorney in the Supreme Court and says also that he is a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and that he graduated from Boston University in 1879 and has since been practicing his profession.

He denies that he is guilty of professional improprieties and deceit and alleges that he was retained to defend Maria S. Davis, a sister of John K. Sumner, and as such attorney examined the records of the court and found a letter from W. A. Kinney in regard to the original trust deed given to Bishop Roper. Also that he received information that Sumner was about to sell his harbor land to the Oahu Railway and that relying on the statement in the Kinney letter and his information regarding Sumner's intention he asked for an injunction to prevent it. He alleges that of the \$100,000 to be obtained for the land the Roman Catholic church was to receive \$25,000, Sumner the same amount, and the remainder was to be divided among the Ellis children. He claims that the suit was brought to protect the right of Maria S. Davis who was to be left without anything, and that he did protect her rights and obtained for her \$15,000 of which she paid to him \$5,000 and instructed him to give one-half to Magoon & Peters. He recites that he obtained a receipt for this amount, and that it was in the handwriting of E. C. Peters.

He further sets out that the negotiation for the settlements was carried on between B. F. Dillingham, Bishop Roper, F. M. Hatch, H. E. Highton, F. E. Thompson and the Ellis children and that his client was kept advised of every step taken. Further that the services performed by him were reasonably worth the sum of \$2,500 and that "the negotiations were conducted openly, fairly and in pursuance of honorable professional employment."

The respondent further denies that he refused to discontinue the action brought by him against Sumner, but that he acted in good faith in guarding the interest of his client Maria S. Davis and that he did obtain for her the sum of ten thousand dollars in gold coin from the said Oahu Railway and Land Co. He asks that the papers in the case be made a part of the record.

Then respondent alleges that after the termination of the above proceedings he was regularly employed by Sumner to represent him and he cites the power of attorney which he had from Sumner. This was irrevocable and gave him power to take all necessary steps to obtain possession of the \$48,025 and to collect and receipt for all monies due or likely to become due to Sumner. He further alleges that he performed "valuable and meritorious services in the suit of Gulstan F. Roper, trustee, vs. John K. Sumner, et al., and that he brought said proceedings to a successful termination and was engaged for weeks in the trial of said suit."

Regarding the \$3,000 promissory note Davis says that he obtained it "as security for the payment of this respondent's legitimate fees for professional services to be rendered and respondent alleges that he acted in good faith and with perfect fairness in all the proceedings in which he was engaged as counsel for the said John K. Sumner and did all that he was required to do as such properly and regularly retained counsel."

"This respondent received a cheque for \$2,000 for his services as such counsel in the presence of the First Circuit Judge the Honorable John T. De Bolt and the said John K. Sumner signed the said cheque and delivered it to the said respondent George A. Davis freely and voluntarily and the said George A. Davis received and accepted the said two thousand dollars in full for services rendered AND TO BE RENDERED as the attorney of the said John K. Sumner and this respondent alleges that he is still the attorney of the said John K. Sumner and that the sum of two thousand dollars was and is a reasonable and proper charge for this respondent to have made for the meritorious services so rendered and those to be rendered as the attorney of the said John K. Sumner."

"This respondent alleges that he acted in good faith and advised the said John K. Sumner to keep his money on deposit in the First National Bank at interest and that this respondent obtained a certain trust deed made and executed by John K. Sumner whereby he assigned the \$48,025 to one R. W. Davis and threatened to withdraw from said suit as Sumner's attorney unless said deed was treated as a nullity by said R. W. Davis and said Sumner and this respondent on the consent and approval of said R. W. Davis and said John K. Sumner destroyed said deed of trust and the said John K. Sumner when this respondent last saw him had on deposit in the First National Bank the sum of \$46,025 so obtained for him by and through the efforts of and skilled work of this respondent."

The answer closes with another denial of the charges and the allegation that "this respondent alleges that he acted in all the proceedings referred to in said information in good faith, fairly, honorably and as a respectable lawyer should act in the matters entrusted to him by his client." Further he says that "he has faithfully and honorably conducted his professional work and done his duty at all times since his admission as an attorney of the bar of this court, and prays that the said information so filed against him by the said Lorrin Andrews the said Attorney General may be dismissed and that he said Attorney General be ordered to pay the costs of this proceeding."

## HAS THE WIRELESS BEEN UNLOADED?

In the July number of McClure's Magazine is a long advertisement of a New York firm of promoters showing a golden opportunity for investment in Marconi's American Company. Among other things it says: "The American Company, organized a year ago, has been working quietly, but effectively. It has constructed the trans Atlantic station at Cape Cod, Mass., a Marconi school at Babylon, stations at Chicago and Milwaukee, a ship reporting station at Sagaponeck, L. I., installed the system on several steamships, and begun work in Cuba and Alaska. In addition to these, it has acquired the Inter-Island company operating now in Hawaii." If this statement is true, then it is strange that the Hawaiian Legislature should subsidize the company at a \$1,000 per month. If the Marconi American Company has acquired "the Inter-Island American Company now working in Hawaii" it must have done so since the subsidy was granted; the officers of the local company surely did not misrepresent conditions to the Hawaiian people. Possibly the New York promoters made a mistake in including the Hawaiian company in their list of assets.—Hilo Herald.

## THEY CURE BY FAITH, PRAYER AND FASTING

### Rev. J. Kekipi Explains the Principles of the Queer Native Sect of Which He Is the Head.

"With faith everything is possible."

"We cure by fasting and praying."

"Our religion is the religion of the Bible, we believe every word that is in the Holy Book."

"We can cure all that have faith. Leprosy, tumors, broken legs, everything have we cured without medicine. Many lepers have we made clean."

"Our religion is for the poor and the sick—for the poor that have no money for medicine."

The above in brief is the religion of the peculiar sect of which Rev. J. Kekipi is the acknowledged head. Not that it is a new religion in the islands, for it has flourished with varying success for more than fifty years, but the Rev. Mr. Kekipi is the man whom the Puna kahuna now in Oahu Prison charged with being the head kahuna of all. The Rev. J. Kekipi denies the insinuation however and says that his religion is directly opposed to kahunaism and further that he never taught the boy as the latter alleges. In fact Mr. Kekipi charges that the boy learned his trade from John Akina at Koolau, who it is claimed has been chasing after false gods.

There is to be a convention of the "Hoomana Naauao" in Honolulu today and delegates from all over the islands are here in attendance. These are semi-annual affairs but this is the first convention held in Honolulu for some time. Last month the church celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding.

Rev. J. Kekipi lives directly in the rear of his little church on Hueste lane, off King street near Beretania. He is a man upwards of seventy years of age, gray headed and with a white moustache, and with kindly, twinkling eyes. He can hardly speak a word of English but there was no lack of material among his congregation yesterday for interpreting. The interview with the churchman was a little out of the ordinary. He talked but little, but the interpreter who is an ardent co-religionist filled in all the blanks. She is a Mrs. Baker and lives near the old preacher. Mrs. Edmunds of Hilo also added her mite to the conversation. She claims to have been cured of leprosy by her faith in God and the bible.

There is no question but what the members of the sect do believe. They have an unwavering faith in the bible and in God. It permeates their whole being—it shines from their eyes as they talk. They almost make one be-

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## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OVER ONE MILLION

The bonded indebtedness of the Territory of Hawaii at noon yesterday amounted to \$1,137,000. This is shown in a statement prepared by Registrar Hapai, at the direction of Treasurer Kepoikai, as part of the data to be sent to Washington for the information of President Roosevelt in considering the proposed new Hawaiian loan. The statement as typewritten was up to the closing of the books on Friday, July 24, but yesterday forenoon \$8000 of fire claims were sold which is added. Following are the particulars:

Bonds 6 per cent. outstanding under Loan Act of June 13, 1896—	
Stock "A" \$1000 Bond.....	\$ 836,000
Stock "E" \$500 Bond.....	9,000
Stock "O" \$100 Bond.....	1,000
Stock "U" \$5000 bond.....	50,000
	\$ 896,000
Fire Claims 4 per cent. Bonds under Act of Congress, Jan. 26, 1903—	
Total sum to noon, July 25.....	241,000
Grand total .....	\$ 1,137,000

It may be said in this connection that the large deal in fire claims bonds at 97 1-2 in New York, mentioned a week ago as then pending, did not materialize. The seekers asked for concessions in expenses which were declined at this end. However a large block of the same bonds changed hands locally at 97 1-2

## ILLINOIS MOB LYNCHES, BURNS AND MUTILATES

### Sheriff and Deputies Fire Upon It and Wound Seven, Two Fatally.

### The Mob, Which Numbers Thousands Sends for Dynamite and May Come Into Collision With Colored Troops at Danville.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

DANVILLE, Ill., July 26.—A mob while en route to the jail to lynch a negro rapist was fired on by a negro bystander, the shot killing one white man. The murderer rushed to the police sub-station, the mob pursuing him. The doors of the sub-station, which had been shut and locked were shattered and a policeman, who tried to keep the mob out, was hurt. Frenzied men seized the murderer, lynched, mutilated and burned him, and then marched on the jail, attacking it. There they were confronted by the Sheriff and his deputies who fired upon them, repulsing the mob and wounding seven, two fatally. At the present moment the mob, which numbers thousands, has sent for dynamite. A company of colored troops is in readiness to defend the jail and more trouble is expected.

## THE RING OF THE FISHERMAN MISSING AT THE VATICAN

ROME, July 26.—The Ring of the Fisherman is missing and may possibly be concealed among the late Pope Leo's effects.

The Fisherman's Ring is a seal-ring worn by Popes. With it are sealed certain State papers which are said to be "given under the Fisherman's Ring." It bears a striking figure representing St. Peter fishing, is borne by the Popes as St. Peter's successors, and has been used since the thirteenth century. The origin of this custom is not known. A ring similar to that worn by the Pope belongs to the official costume of every Roman Catholic bishop.

## THE CAMPBELL CHILDREN ASSAIL ESTATE TRUST

SAN JOSE, July 26.—The children of the late James Campbell have petitioned the probate court to set aside the decree of distribution of his estate and discharge Mrs. Parker, as executrix. They further ask for the restoration of \$182,572 on the ground that the trust is invalid.

## RUSSIAN ARTILLERY IS HURRYING TO PORT ARTHUR

TIENTSIN, July 26.—Trainloads of Russian artillery are hurrying towards Port Arthur.

PEKING, July 26.—The Russian declaration to the powers is interpreted as meaning that Russia will not permit China to enter upon engagements with the powers in regard to Manchurian territory.

## HUNGARIAN SOLDIERS PROSTRATED BY THE HEAT

BUDAPEST, July 26.—Four hundred and fifty soldiers, marched unnecessarily in the heat, are prostrated and a score are dead. The officers have been censured.

## More Pay for Miners.

PITTSBURG, July 26.—50,000 miners have had their pay substantially increased.